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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-131
Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review, the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG") dated October 14, 2011. Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas decrease from the current \$4.25 per dekatherm to \$3.75 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in November 2011.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-131. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



John W. Flitter

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